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SUBJ: PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF DIPLOMATIC ARCHIVES

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1. FINALLY EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED RESPONSE TO ITS NOTE OF JAN 2, 1974 ON SUBJECT.

2. MINCFA'S RESPONSE WAS THAT ITS POLICY ON SUBJECT IS SAME AS ITS NOTE CFA 1169.67 DATED MARCH 18, 1967, WHICH READS AS FOLLOWS: COMPLIMENTARY SALUTATION AND CLOSE EXCLUDED:

A. "THE MINISTRY WISHED TO SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION RELATING TO MALTA, WHICH THE EMBASSY MAY WISH TO INSERT IN THE DOCUMENT ENTITLED 'PUBLIC AVAILABILITY OF DIPLOMATIC ARCHIVES IN THE UNITED STATES AND CERTAIN FOREIGN COUNTRIES:'

B. " PUBLIC ACCESS TO RECORDS: NO PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE RECORDS OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS IS PERMITTED AT PRESENT SINCE THE ARCHIVES DATE FROM THE 21ST OF SEPTEMBER 1964, THE DAY ON WHICH MALTA BECAME INDEPENDENT. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE ARCHIVES OF THE MINISTRY WILL BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR MANY YEARS. PRIOR TO MALTA'S INDEPENDENCE EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WERE HANDLED BY THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND REFERENCE TO THE UNITED KINGDOM COMMONWEALTH OFFICE SHOULD BE MADE FOR ANY INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ARCHIVES PRIOR TO THE 21ST OF

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SEPTEMBER, 1964.

C. "SERIAL PUBLICATION OF DIPLOMATIC PAPERS: THERE IS
NONE AT THE PRESENT TIME. A MALTESE TREATY SERIES IS HOWEVER
PUBLISHED."

3. THE DELAY IS REGRETTED.GETZ

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